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1. BARON ALEX OSTOJA-STARZEWSKI, PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES OF GARRETT PARK, MARYLAND, HAS WRITTEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN TO ADVISE HIM OF THE SUBJECT CONFERENCE WHICH HIS ORGANIZATION PLANS TO HOLD AT THE BUNDESTAG-HOCHHAUS IN BONN, MARCH, 1975.

2. THE SUBJECTS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE (1) THE ROLE OF ARMORED WEAPONS IN MODERN WARFARE--EFFECTIVENESS AND WEAKNESSES; (2) NEWLY-DEVELOPED AIR GROUND SUPPORT WEAPONS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST MASSIVE ARMOR ATTACKS; (3) THE ROLE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE WEAPONS; AND (4) THE FUNCTION OF MISSILES AS OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE WEAPONS.

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3. MAJOR AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE

RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE FIELD OF MICROWAVE, TROPO-SCATER AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATION, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE ON THE CONFERENCE PANELS AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PROVIDING THE CONFERENCE WITH THE NECESSARY INFORMATION ABOUT

NEWEST TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT IN RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION.

4. ACCORDING TO OSTOJA-STARZEWSKI, GENERAL LYMAN L. LEMNITZER, USA (RET) AND FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ISA (NATO), DR. JOHN H. MORSE PLAN TO ATTEND. STRATEGIC STUDIES EXPERTS FROM MAJOR AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS ARE ALSO INVITED. THE SPONSORS ALSO CLAIM THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM NATO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND AS PARTICIPANTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF A NUMBER OF NON-NATO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND AS 'OBSERVERS'. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHICH IF ANY OF THESE INVITEES MAY ACCEPT.

5. OSTOJA-STARZEWSKI HAS ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FOR THE NAME OF AN OFFICER FROM EMBASSY BONN WHO MAY ATTEND. WE UNDERSTAND FROM STARZEWSKI THAT HE HAS BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH GENERAL WAGSTAFF (CUSMAAG) AND WITH GENERAL BOWMAN OF USNATO, AND WE ARE SUGGESTING TO HIM THAT INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS MAY WISH TO WRITE DIRECTLY TO AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND ON THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER.

6. DEPARTMENT HAS VERY LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE OR ITS SPONSORS, AND WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY OFFICER BE DESIGNATED TO ATTEND, ALTHOUGH WE LEAVE THIS TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION SHOULD INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS PURSUE THE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH EMBASSY. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF OUR CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT TO BONN. KISSINGER

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